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SUBJECT: DETERIORATION OF ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

REF: A. STATE 196865 B. TOKYO 11599 C. SEOUL 5882 D. TOKYO 11596

SUMMARY: FROM DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF ASIA BUREAU DIRGEN TAKASHIMA IT IS APPARENT THAT GOJ PLANS FOR PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER ARE ALREADY FIRM. AMB. USHIROKU WILL DELIVER LETTER WITHOUT "CONSULTING" ROK ON CONTENTS. JAPANESE ARE PUZZLED AS TO WHY, BUT THEY FEAR ROK WANTS BREAK. TAKASHIMA REAFFIRMED THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN JAPAN'S POLICY ON KOREA IN UN OR IN MATSUNAGA STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT IN KOREA. END SUMMARY.

1. POL COUNS CALLED ON ASIA BUREAU DIRGEN TAKASHIMA TO DETERMINE STATE OF PLAY IN ROK-JAPAN DISPUTE AND ON BASIS OF RESPONSE TO FEED INTO FONOFF THINKING OUR IMPRESSIONS OF ROK FLEXIBILITY AS INSTRUCTED REF C. TAKASHIMA SAID AMB. USHIROKU MET FONMIN KIM DONG-JO SEPT 9 AM TO BRIEF HIM ORALLY ON CONTENTS OF PLANNED LETTER FROM PM TANAKA. LETTER REMAINS AS DESCRIBED  
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BY SEO (REF D) AND AS OUTLINED BY FONMIN KIMURA

TO AMB. HODGSON SEPT 7 (REF B).

2. ALTHOUGH RESULT OF USHIROKU-KIM MEETING NOT YET RECEIVED, TAKASHIMA SAID ROK STILL INSISTS ON THREE POINTS WHICH GOJ CAN NOT AS "IMPOSSIBLE" FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HE ALSO AGREED AS TO IMPORTANCE OF CONVEYING TO ROK GOJ INTENTIONS REGARDING CHOSOREN. ALTHOUGH LETTER WILL NOT NAME CHOSOREN, WHEN AMB. USHIROKU DELIVERS LETTER HE WILL OUTLINE ORALLY IN DETAIL HOW GOJ PLANS TO DEAL WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND WHAT LEGAL AND POLITICAL LIMITATIONS ARE.

5. DURING DISCUSSION TAKASHIMA MADE TWO POINTS WHICH REAFFIRMED WHAT FONMIN KIMURA TOLD AMB. HODGSON SEPT

7. HE SAID THAT FOR PRESENT GOJ ATTITUDE TOWARD KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA WAS UNCHANGED. NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO GOJ DEL AND EARLIER ONES (TO WORK FOR ROK) WERE STILL IN EFFECT. AS FOR FUTURE, TAKASHIMA SAID THAT JAPAN HAD NO DESIRE TO CHANGE, BUT DEVELOPMENTS WOULD DETERMINE WHAT GOJ POSITION WOULD BE. HE ALSO SAID TREATY BUREAU DIRGEN MATSUNAGA'S STATEMENT IN DIET ON GOVERNMENTS IN KOREA REPRESENTED NO CHANGE AND WAS IN FACT SAME STATEMENT HE (TAKASHIMA) MADE IN DIET WHEN HE WAS DIRGEN OF TREATY BUREAU SEVERAL YEARS AGO. TAKASHIMA SAID MATSUNAGA'S REMARKS HAD BEEN DISTORTED BY PRESS PLAY AND TIMING WAS ADMITTEDLY TERRIBLE.

6. COMMENT: EVENTS HAVE OVERTAKEN POSSIBILITY OF EMBASSY SEOUL'S IMPRESSIONS HAVING CONCRETE EFFECT ON GOJ PLANS, SINCE TANAKA HIMSELF HAS APPROVED PLANS AND REJECTED SOME OF SEOUL'S DEMANDS AS EXPLAINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. NEVERTHELESS, CONCERTED CALLS TODAY IN TOKYO, SEOUL AND WASHINGTON, DEMONSTRATE GREAT US CONCERN AND COULD SERVE TO MODIFY, TO SOME UNDETERMINABLE EXTENT, RATHER OR MORE RIGID REACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HERE AND IN SEOUL. WE INFER FROM TAKASHIMA'S REMARKS THAT SUPPORT FOR KOREAN ITEM WILL CONTINUE BUT SHOULD ROK TAKE DRASTIC REACTION IN RESPONSE TO TANAKA'S LETTER THEN WHOLE QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED. WE ARE GETTING FONOFF TEXT OF KIMURA'S AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MATSUNAGA'S INTERPELLATIONS, BUT IT APPEARS THEY BROKE NEW GROUND ONLY IN UNFORTUNATE TIMING.  
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